

In Loving Memory of



Valderine "Valdie" Potter

Sunrise

June 29, 1936

Sunset

January 19, 2011

Monday, January 24, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

BETHEL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

271 Stegman Street
Jersey City, NJ 07305

Pastor Carl Hinds, Officiating

Obituary

With her family by her side, **Valderine “Valdie” Potter** 74, departed this life on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

She was born on June 29, 1936, in Antigua, West Indies. She was the loving daughter of Gwendolyn Charles and Laurenston Potter.

After spending most of her young life in Antigua taking care of her family, she migrated to New Jersey by way of St. Croix and St. Thomas. In New Jersey, Valdie received her GED. She continued her education at the Licensed Practical Nursing School at The Jersey City Medical Center. Valdie then gained employment as a Nurse's Aide at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, and spent thirteen years there. She was then employed at Cornel Cook Health Care Center in New York and worked there until 1995 when she retired at the age of 59. Valdie then returned home to her native land of Antigua, where she was true to her character continued to work hard by selling beauty supplies and maintaining her multiple rental properties.

Valdie was preceded in death by her two sons, Joseph Potter and Steven Potter. She leaves to mourn: her daughter, Violet Potter; son-in-law, Gladwin Francis; her brothers, Canute Potter, Conroy Lloyd, Monroe Charles, Euen Potter, Vernon Potter, Cleveland Potter and Roné Potter; her sisters, Satie Potter, Janet Potter, Ronie Potter and Pauline Browne; her grandchildren, Diné Potter, Dr. Dineasha Potter-McQuilkin, Gladeasha Francis, David Potter, Laurenston Potter, Antonio Potter, Dajaun Potter, Dashaun Potter, Chandel Potter, Donald Potter, Joseph Potter, Jr., Steven Farrior and Derrick Farrior; her godfather, King Ralph in Antigua; seven great grandchildren; and a host of countless family members and friends too numerous to mention.

Valdie has impacted the lives of many people with her determination and perseverance. She laid the ground work for numerous family members and friends to come to the United States, most of them living with her until they were able to stand on their own feet, and all the while asking nothing in return. She maintained her trademark strength all the way until the end.

Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Song Hymn # 216 “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Opening Prayer Elder Glenroy Martin

Scripture Reading Elder Arnold Matonda
“ Eph. 2: 4-7”

Musical Selection Rita/ Carlton McQuilkin

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Carl Hinds

Tribute (Poem) Veronique Nixon

Obituary Cindy Charles

Special Remarks (2 minutes) Family/Friends

Eulogy Pastor Carl Hinds

Closing Song Hymn # 633
“ When We All Get To Heaven”

Closing Prayer Elder Arnold Matonda


Final Viewing

Interment
February 3, 2011
Liberta Community Cemetery
Antigua, West Indies



God Looked Upon His Garden

God looked upon his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this earth
and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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